

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of AMBER LYNN HALE, Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA SUE HALE, a/k/a ANGELA SUE  
LINN,

Respondent-Appellant.

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In the Matter of KENNETH ADAM HALE,  
Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA SUE HALE, a/k/a ANGELA SUE  
LINN,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 286112  
Cass Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 06-000152-NA

Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Bandstra and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent appeals as of right the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357;

612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re BZ*, 264 Mich App 286, 296-297; 690 NW2d 505 (2004); MCR 3.977(G). Respondent failed to protect the children from her husband, a man who was physically and sexually abusive, which caused long-lasting deleterious effects on the children. Despite participating in services, respondent began a new relationship with a man who had a history of domestic violence and sexual misconduct. Rather than terminate the relationship, she became inextricably linked to the man by becoming pregnant with his child, thus creating the same risk of harm to the children that existed during her marriage. Given that respondent had failed to make any lasting changes after participating in services for over a year, and that experts agreed that the children were in dire need of permanency and stability, it was unlikely that respondent would be able to provide proper care and custody within a reasonable time considering the children's ages.

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. *In re Trejo Minors, supra* at 354; MCL 712A.19b(5). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *In re Trejo Minors, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra  
/s/ Richard A. Bandstra  
/s/ Pat M. Donofrio